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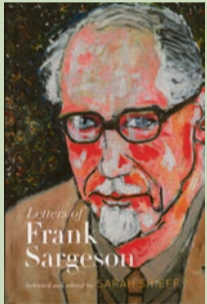
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# Storms wreak havoc



Just one of the haysheds destroyed in the storm which swept the country last Friday night. This one was in Kina Road, Oaonui. Below all that remains of Diane and Russell Campbell's haybarn at Pihama.



## \$270,000 raised for health centre

\$270,000 has been raised for the proposed Opunake Health Centre with one single donation of \$200,000. The remaining amount was raised in the charity auction at which Tom Scott was guest

speaker.

The charity launch of the proposed health care facility for Opunake went off with a bang and was a night to remember at the Sandfords Event Centre on Tuesday February 28.

After a nice meal of salad and cold meat, provided by SECO, with the Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club helping - it was down to business for the almost 350 participants.

Sharon Arlidge, Chairperson of the Egmont Plains Community Board was MC, a role she handled with her usual mix of competence and good wit. Sharon paid tribute to, "An amazing concept put together by our Trust Board. It is vital to all of us living here and is vital to the longevity of our community." The main organiser of the event has been Lynda Corkill, who must be commended for her skill and industry.

There were two auctions - one a silent one at the back of

the room and a far from quiet one at the front, on the stage. The vocal auction was ably conducted by Peter McDonald of McDonald Real Estate, capably assisted by Sean Lutterall. They had a huge selection of items to auction as we mentioned in our last issue. There was some very determined bidding indeed, but all conducted with merit to the fore. One of the successful bidders was the Mayor of South Taranaki District Ross Dunlop, who secured a clock for \$300.

A painting by Cr Bonita Bigham sold for an impressive \$1,100.

At the back of the room there were some excellent examples of art work and other items, such as Lisa Tamati Jewellery. Bidders were invited to write their number, alongside their monetary bid for each particular item. It was interesting that some of the bids exceeded the value of the item, such as the case

of some vouchers.

"That's my favourite, because it is so interesting", commented a man, who was referring to a Roger Morris (Remo) oil painting entitled 'Systems Run System'.

Near the back of the room was the Ranfurly Shield,

which excited a lot of interest (No, it was not one of the items up for auction). Some people had their photos taken with the historic 'log of wood'.

Part way through the vocal

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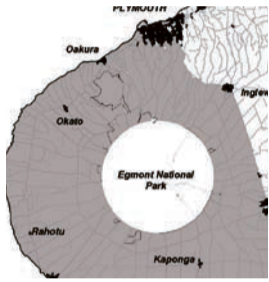
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# Robin Bain would never harm his family

I'll keep fighting for him until I die says Shirley Don who was so outraged at the 60 Minutes interview on TV3 last Sunday with David Bain, she wouldn't watch it.

## Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the members of the Opunake Surf Life Saving Club. The Year 9 cohort of Opunake High School (and some Year 13s) recently partook in a very successful and rewarding 'Beach Day' as part of their orientation programme.

The day was expertly run by young members of the club, most of whom were EXHS students. The activities included: swimming, board riding, belt rescue, beach flags and IRB rides. One member even showed us what an orange turtle looks like!

The day was thoroughly enjoyed and on behalf of Opunake High School, I thank Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club for their time and efforts. I have been witness to the club providing these days for other local schools and that, along with their efforts over the summer period, are to be recognized. They are a very integral and valued part of our community. Thanks again Kim Danz and the OSLSC.

A Cook  
Year 9 Dean

"I wouldn't sit through him gloating," she said angrily.

Shirley and husband Ron both now living in coastal Taranaki knew Robin Bain when they lived at Taieri Mouth. Robin Bain taught their children and both are adamant that the kindly school teacher and devoted father could never have harmed his family.

Ron actually lived in the school house at Taieri Mouth and had to vacate it for Robin Bain when he was appointed principal of the two teacher school. "He had half my furniture," quipped Ron.

Daughter Laniet would

soon join her father and also a young male friend of Laniet's who didn't have anywhere to live.

A widower, Ron had three daughters at the school. Shirley's youngest son was taught by Robin Bain at Taieri Mouth School, which at that time had a roll of 30. The couple would later marry.

"He was great with my son. He'd had problems with the previous teacher," says Shirley.

She is also annoyed at how Robin Bain has been portrayed in the media. "It's just rubbish," she said of the

depiction of him as a "dirty, filthy old man." Though he did live briefly in his van prior to moving into the schoolhouse it was only for a short time.

Prior to this he had been traveling from Every Street - the family home in Dunedin. He used to come by motorbike recalls Shirley often when it was very cold weather. When he moved into the school house he seldom went back to Every Street.

Though she and Ron would invite him for meals

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The family plot at the Taieri Road Cemetery.

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## (Bible Believers Corner) Jubilee

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When the nation of Israel entered the Promised Land

under Joshua each of the 12 tribes were allocated a portion of land by God. It was rather like iwi having their land but it went further and more specific than that. Each whanau, each family, within that iwi owned a specific parcel of land. They could farm it, or they could sell it and head off to the city with the money.

Sometimes harvests failed or those that had money lost it in bad business deals or they wasted it. There were no government benefits in those days and non-payment of debt meant prison. Often, to pay their debts and remain out of prison, people sold themselves as slaves. They had few rights and they had to do whatever work their masters gave them.

Once every fifty years there was a jubilee. A priest would go through the whole country and blow the jubilee trumpet. The moment that trumpet was heard all property reverted to the original owner and all Jewish slaves were free. Families could return to their own parcel of land and start again. A slave could simply lay down his tools and walk out a free person.

The Jubilee is a picture

of God's message. All of us are slaves to the current world. There are those who today trumpet out the jubilee message of freedom under Jesus Christ. But it takes confidence in that sound for people to put the

tools down, walk out, and claim the inheritance. Can you hear the trumpet? If you can will you move?

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At the auction there was a special moment. A lady was due to make a generous donation. Mavis Hepworth (nee Corkill) stepped up to present a cheque for an amazing \$200,000, to Trust Chairperson Dan Holmes. After a stunned moment, the assembled onlookers gave Mavis a standing ovation. She is of the fifth generation of her family and is the aunt of Trust member Steve Corkill.

Tom Scott, the keynote speaker spoke soon after and was most entertaining. He had a store of amusing anecdotes about such politicians as Sir Robert Muldoon, David Lange, Sir John Marshall, Aussie Malcolm, Ruth Richardson, Winston Peters and Helen Clark, as well as icons as Sir Edmund Hillary and Sam Hunt. He also did some expert impersonations.

When Tom Scott was banned from Sir Robert's press conferences, many people were aghast. However, two messages backed the ban; one was from his own father who wrote, "Egghead had it coming!"

On a sad note he recalled visiting David Lange in hospital three days before he died and how ill he looked - yet his wit was still intact.

At the end of his address



Mavin Hepworth (nee Corkill) after presenting a cheque for \$200,000 to Dan Holmes Chairperson of the Trust. Looking on is her brother Allan Corkill (left) and on the stage MC Sharon Arlidge (right).

Tom proposed to sketch members of the audience and Ross Dunlop was the first chosen. He also did a drawing of Sir Robert from memory.

The evening was a great success in raising almost

\$70,000 from the two auctions, coupled with Mavis Hepworth's remarkable donation. South Taranaki District Council CEO Craig Stevenson expressed delight, "Fantastic. Excellent effort and great turnout".



Tom Scott, an entertaining guest speaker.

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# Robin Bain would never harm his family

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She recalled on the weekend of the murders he'd gone home as it was one of the children's birthdays, she thought.

"He was a devoted father and a devoted teacher," sums up Shirley. She remembers he initiated a video conference with a school in Japan and would organise exchange students from the school.

He was also very caring. She describes an incident in which a solo mother with three children at the school who had mental health issues and was hospitalised.

"I used to coach netball up at the school. Robin came up and said he had "a bit of a situation" and wanted to know if I could help and take in two of the children for the night which she did.

"He was amazing. Kind and caring, trustworthy, funny, musically talented," said Shirley adding that they had recently been to Dunedin and visited the Taieri Road cemetery where her own father is buried and put flowers on the graves. Agreed Ron "He was a nice guy..Normal. An average nice guy."

Ron who worked in Dunedin would also later give Laniet Bain a lift into town to work where she worked at a bakery.

She would say she didn't have any money to pay him for petrol but would instead

offer to pay him in cakes says Ron with a laugh.

"She was a hard case," recalls Shirley.

The couple were quick to scotch any suggestion of an inappropriate relationship between the father and daughter.

"There's no way. If you knew Laniet," said Shirley adding she was "Very outspoken, very strong minded."

They also both described Laniet as "happy and well adjusted".

"She didn't think much of her mother," however said Shirley who recalled at a school camp at which Laniet went along as a helper. Shirley remembers teasing her about "not being a morning person" like her father, and Laniet laughingly agreed. She recalls however a comment Laniet made one morning when they were having breakfast. That her mother was "strange".

She was "really outgoing," she says of Laniet.

There was no hint of her being a prostitute though in retrospect they thought perhaps this was the reason her father had taken her out to Taieri Mouth.

Shirley also met other members of the family. She used to teach line dancing and the other Bain children used to sometimes attend.

She remembers Arawa and Stephen as being sociable and popular. At the time Arawa had entered The Rose of Tralee.

David however said Ron and Shirley was different.

"He was an odd kid," remarked Ron "an odd looking character."

They never met the mother however which was a bit unusual.

"When they appointed Robin as principal the whole community chipped in with a box of groceries, recalls Shirley. Usually you get to meet the wife.

No one in the community ever met her.

After the tragedy Ron was contacted and went to the house to pick up his furniture and recalls being confronted by Robin Bain's brother with whom David stayed initially prior to his arrest who wanted to know what he was doing. He recalls the house as being clean and tidy.

Shirley had a friend who was called as a witness for the Crown in the two trials of David Bain. The friend described the second trial in which David Bain was found not guilty as "a farce."

"It was shocking. The jurors weren't listening a lot of the time," said the friend. After the verdict some members of the jury were criticised for partying with the accused.

Like everyone Shirley and Ron have speculated on the case.

"If you were going to shoot the family why would you spare him," remarked Ron of the sole survivor.

They return to their perception of David Bain's character.

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## Five tips to ensure your goals actually happen



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Why is it that year after year so many of the goals you set are not achieved? Many of us diligently create lists of goals at the start of each new year. Then at the start of the following year, we realise we didn't achieve those goals and we create the same list of goals over again. Hoping, "this year things will change".

If you really want to create change in your life you will need to do things differently than you've done in the past. If you do the same things you've always done, you will get the same results you've

always got. This applies to all areas of life including work, relationships, finances, business, fitness, weight and health.

1. Goal set from the inside out. Get some space with what the culture, family or friends suggest you should be doing. Connect with your inner wisdom, and ask, "What wants to unfold in my life now?" Witness what emerges.
2. Create a plan of action. This is particularly important if you have set a big or complex goal. Losing 3kgs may not require a written plan of action, but losing 15kgs will require a plan (and probably support and expert advice on nutrition and exercise).
3. Engage in inspired productive action that takes you closer

to achieving your goal, rather than busy work. Busy work often seems necessary, but is not important in terms of achieving your goals.

4. Feeling stuck? You may need to examine unconscious beliefs held around your goals. This is often the reason we don't take successful action to achieve long desired goals. You may need to see a counsellor, therapist, coach if you are struggling with this.
5. Most of us are aware that we should write down our goals. But you also need to revisit and re-inspire by reviewing your goals regularly, for example weekly or monthly, depending on the goal (defi-

nately not yearly!).

6. Are you ready to create change in your life? Dream your goals into being from the deepest, wisest part of you, and then take inspired action to bring those goals off the paper and into reality.

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## Coastal check urged before stream work

Taranaki landowners are being reminded that they are very likely to need a resource consent if they plan to pipe or realign a stream on their property.

The Taranaki Regional Council's Consents Manager, Colin McLellan, says a quick phone call could prevent a lot of hassle.

"If you're planning any

work with a digger near a waterway, it's a good idea to talk to the Council," he says. "This is especially the case if you're wanting to realign a stream or divert it through a pipe."

Mr McLellan says some minor work is permitted without a consent, but in most cases a consent will be required, even for streams

that do not flow all the time.

He says streams are of ecological value and in many cases provide habitat for endangered species. Without appropriate controls, piping and realignment may damage this habitat.

Piping a stream may also raise flood levels upstream, affecting other landowners. And erosion control may

be needed downstream of the pipe.

The consenting process also ensures that the correct size and type of piping is used.

"The strong message is to get information from the Council's Consents staff," says Mr McLellan. Call the Council on 800 736 222 and ask for the Consents section.

## Robin Bain wouldn't harm his family

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Shirley said he was 'aloof' and "he wasn't as friendly as the others". The rest of the family who they met all seemed normal and sociable. Shirley expresses anger at

the way Robin has been vilified and says what upsets her most is that "Robin's dead. He can't speak for himself." Ron makes the point that the second trial did not prove David Bain was in-

nocent. "They can't prove it either way." He surmises that jealousy could have been a possible motive. "They were all doing well - he wasn't. He didn't like it." Agrees Shirley, "Arawa was very popular. Stephen was." Ron mentions other multiple murderers whose actions seem so incomprehensible. Shirley also expresses

distaste for Joe Kar-am who she sees as a self publicist. A stranger who didn't know the Bain family before getting involved.

And of the man they held in such high regard and whose reputation they are so keen to defend Robin Bain they insist everyone in the close knit Taieri "would say the same".

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Mitzi from Heydon Priest got into the Americarna spirit at the Opunake Beach gathering

# New Manager for RD1 Opunake

Carol Dodunski (nee Young) is pleased to be going back to my home town of Opunake where I was born and bred having worked at the Opunake store from 1994 to 2006 with the great help of my

manager, the late Robert Fisher and co-worker Harry Gorton for many of those years. Back then the business was called Kiwi Trading Company and, at a later date, Town & Country.

Since leaving Opunake I have been in Stratford RD1

as assistant manager for four years.

Recently I have been in the Hawera store as the office admin officer.

I'm looking forward to seeing all my old customers/friends again, as well as the new ones.

My husband and I live on a lifestyle block in Hawera. with our cat Jack, Johno the dog and a chook, as well as some beefies.

I love going to concerts and movies, as well sharing a love of stock cars with my husband, who is very



## Bells for Christchurch

LEFT:

The bell at St Barnabas Church being rung by Nancy Coombe prior to the two minutes silence observed as a mark of respect commemorating the devastating earthquake on February 22 last year.

## Weight loss challenge

Okato leading in weight losing stakes

Now into the fifth week of the Opunake Weight Loss Challenge the group are off to a fantastic start with the 35 participants collectively losing 35.1kgs.

"All are serious and keen to lose some weight," commented organiser Sharron Skipper.

In the weekly talks they have covered such topics as protein, meal planning, the importance of water, how to lose half a kilo a week, metabolism and carbohydrates. There's also been a quiz thrown in, said Sharron.

Next week we are will be learning about nutrition labels, fats and portion sizes." With the participation of this challenge similar to the Okato weight loss challenge last October it is interesting to compare some statistics and who are the more committed weight losers - Opunake or Okato. Thus far: **Opunake Challenge (began 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012)** 35 Participants Week 4 weigh in - total weight loss 84.2kgs Percentage of body weight lost to date 2.6% **O k a t o Challenge (commence date 12<sup>th</sup> October 2011)** 33 Participants Week 4 weigh in - total weight loss was 92.9 kgs Percentage of body weight lost after 4 weeks 3.19% The Okato Challenge is so far marginally ahead of the Opunake challenge when

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## South Taranaki opening doors to China

Doing business in China just got a whole lot easier for South Taranaki.

At last night's Council meeting, it was decided to accept an offer from Harbin, South Taranaki's Sister City, of a rent free office for three years.

Mayor Dunlop said "This is exciting for South Taranaki business and tourism. There is no cost to the ratepayer for having this office and the potential is huge."

"China is the world's second largest economy and

New Zealand's second largest trading partner, and we are one of the few countries to have a free trade agreement with China," says Mr Dunlop. "China presents huge opportunities for our district, and importantly, it's the Council to Council relationship which is vital to doing business there.

Mayor Dunlop says that a small delegation will travel to Harbin in June to officially open the office. The in-country costs of the delegation are being met by the Harbin gov-

ernment. Local businesses will also be invited to join the delegation. On top of the rent-free agreement with Harbin, the Council has entered into a partnership with a South Taranaki business, JCNZ Focus Ltd, which has strong commercial and cultural links to China. JCNZ Focus will fit out and operate the office on behalf of the Council and facilitate the development of business relationships between South Taranaki, Harbin and greater China.

"Importantly, JCNZ Focus is employing a South Taranaki local, to operate the office so his focus will be on promoting South Taranaki," he says.

Mayor Dunlop says he knows of several South Taranaki businesses already trading with Harbin. A number of businesses have also expressed interest in travelling to Harbin and using the office to increase trade with China. A film crew from Harbin are also coming to South Taranaki in March to film a documentary on Harbin's sister cities, which will promote South Taranaki to millions of Chinese viewers.

Harbin city has a population of approximately 3.4 million and the wider province has almost 10 million people. "Even if we can tap into just a tiny percentage of that market the benefits can be significant," claims Mr Dunlop, adding that if anyone is interested in using the office to contact the Council's economic development manager on 0800 111 323.

you compare the statistics. But a couple of things need to be taking into consideration, said Sharron. The last Okato challenge was only for nine weeks, so participants had less time to lose their weight so would have been trying to lose it at a quicker rate. Also with eight weighs in to go with the Opunake challenge, it is still early days! We will keep you updated as the challenge progresses. Go Opunake!

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Andrew Russ

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It's had a great effect on keeping the traffic around the pedestrian crossing at a slow speed so there haven't been any near misses for a while.

It's getting towards the harvesting time of the cannabis season, so the dodgy drug growers will be starting to emerge from their couches and into the sunlight.

Please be vigilant and

keep an eye out for vehicles near bush areas, maize plantations, reserves etc and take down any registrations, descriptions and pass them onto the local Police ASAP.

If you see what you think is cannabis growing out in the environment, let us know straight away so we can deal with it safely. Don't attempt to remove it yourself as there can be hidden dangers.

You'll be doing the community a favour and helping us get rid of these unsavoury characters who prey on society for their own selfish means.

There have been a few burglaries of firearms in recent times and it's concerning that some thieves will target guns for what can only be very dangerous reasons.

In light of this we thought it would be a good time to have a firearms, ammunition, and general illegal weapons amnesty day.

It will be an opportunity for anyone who is in possession of the above to be able to hand them over to Police - no questions asked - so we can dispose of them correctly and avoid having them being a risk to anyone in the future.

I'm sure there are hundreds of firearms laying around in cupboards, attics, wardrobes, sheds etc that shouldn't be and pose a serious risk to your families and the community in the wrong hands.

Police will be in attendance at the Eltham Station on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of

March between 3.30pm and 8pm to receive items for disposal. Please use common sense when bringing them in, make sure all guns are unloaded and wrap up firearms so as not to cause alarm to members of the public when transporting to the station.

This will be a great opportunity to be rid of illegal items for good, no matter how you came into possession of them. If you can't make this date please contact us and we'll arrange a pickup or alternative time.

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## Okato



Rich Corry

Hello all.  
 Sorry I haven't got an

article in for some time, but better late than never.

On a crime front I have a property down the bottom of Porikapa Road broken into. This was a daytime burglary where a couple of headlamps were stolen. Also taken was a watch which has the capability to take your pulse and an I-touch phone.

Now the phone is useless to anybody else as it is from the states and was all but flat.

Of interest I am looking for a gold-coloured scooter that was in the area when this burglary took place.

So if anyone knows who

drives this scooter, or has witnessed the above items coming home with no good reason for somebody to have them, give me a call.

There has also been an increase in boy racer activity in the rural area. Now this sort of dangerous activity will not be tolerated by Police or the general public and with the public's support you will get caught.

Even with the above incidents the biggest loser is still the idiots that tagged the Coastal Taranaki School last year; I am still hunting these clowns.

On a brighter note rugby has started again and the Canes are performing not bad, being well-directed around the paddock by a good local lad at first five. The club season is about to kick off, and training for the Colts has started so get along.

On the farm front the two sheep are doing well and the chickens are laying.

Anyway must, go things to do. Keep safe out there and don't forget any information about the above will be treated as confidential.

*Rich*

## Mark Goodwin released

Convicted murderer Mark Goodwin (44) was recently released from prison, under strict conditions. He was interviewed by the Parole Board on February 14, having been refused release the year before.

Mark Goodwin and his partner Jan Yorke kidnapped his estranged wife Nikki Goodwin (23), as well as her friend Barbara Bishop. Both women were forced to take a quantity of drugs and alcohol.

Nikki Goodwin was bashed to death with a brick in the farm garage at a farm near Kaponga.

Finally, later on in the day Barbara Bishop was pushed

over a coastal cliff just south of Opunake. It was meant to look like a drink/drug related accident in which the murder victim's friend had not survived. However, the plan when wrong when Barbara Bishop was found seven hours later in the mangled car - injured and distraught, but still alive.

For some time it was unknown what had happened to Nikki Goodwin. Eventually Mr Goodwin revealed where her body was - in a pine forest plantation in Te Wera, east of Stratford.

In June 1996 both accused were sentenced to life impris-



Mark Goodwin on the right.

onment. It was stipulated that Mark Goodwin serve at least twelve and a half years before being eligible to apply for parole. Jan Yorke (born 1965) had to serve at least 13 years.

Mark Goodwin has had pre-release visits and work experience on the outside with a contractor. There have been no untoward incidents. Similarly in prison there was no misconduct and he had been classified with 'minimum security' status for some time. He has also completed

a violence prevention unit while serving his sentence. A psychological report assessed him as being of 'low to moderate' risk of reoffending.

Some of his conditions of release include being restricted to a specific area in the North Island. He has to observe a curfew all days of the week - 7pm to 7am. He has to undergo psychological assessment, as well as counselling designed to counter violence tendencies.

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# Opunake to New Plymouth Pickerings Bus Service

Pickering Motors of Opunake have recently started a twice weekly bus service (Mondays and Fridays) to New Plymouth. The **Monday** bus leaves early – at 6.30am from opposite Opunake Post and Lotto and makes numerous stops along the way, such as at Rahoitu (opposite the Four Square) and Okato (the old post office), and ending

up at Fitzroy Village, at the bus stop by the traffic lights. Before it reaches Fitzroy, it visits such places as the main entrance to Taranaki Base Hospital, the bus stop outside Francis Douglas High School, the WITT Campus in Bell Street and the New Plymouth Girls High School Hostel in Mangorei Road (Refer to the timetable for other stops).

At 8am the bus departs from the Centre City Gill/Ariki Street bus stop, to return to Opunake. It is back in Opunake, at Opunake Post and Lotto around 8.55am.

On the **Friday** service, the bus departs opposite Opunake Post and Lotto at 2.45pm, reaching Fitzroy Village at 3.50pm. This bus follows the same route as the Monday bus (refer above).

The bus leaves the Centre City bus stop at 3.55pm to return to Opunake. The bus is back in Opunake at 4.55pm.

Route organiser Tracey Jury is quite pleased with patronage to date and says that secondary school students are her main passengers at present. As regards feedback, Tracey says, “The parents are very happy, because they don’t have to run their

kids back to school”. She mentions boarders returning to school after spending the weekend at home.

“The reason I made the Monday departure so early was to cater for people going to work”, she comments. At present the Toyotas Hiace minibus is being used, but she hopes passenger number will increase so the larger Toyota Coaster can be used,

which seats 19 passengers comfortably.

The fare is \$20 for one trip, but a concession ticket is available - \$150 for ten trips, a 25% saving. There is no charge for children under five. Bookings are essential 0800 22 11 20.

This service is not available during school vacations or on public holidays.

# Patrons unhappy at losing their pub



Happy hour but not for much longer.

Some patrons at Okato’s Stony River Hotel are not happy at the closure of their local pub, which has served the community for over a hundred years.

The owners recently announced they would be closing the public bar and will be opening a kindergarten. The accommodation and restaurant will however remain open.

Tony Luckin, a farmer from Leith Road who has been drinking at the historic hotel for 50 years, remarked “It’s a disaster,” for the district.

“It’s ridiculous,” added another regular Christine Crickit who was also enjoying a drink at the pub last Wednesday night, a week ago.

“They had a survey 4-5 months ago. Making it into another kindergarten, it’s ridiculous,” she said.

“There’s two in Okato already.” Jared Gray whose grandfather Jim Haggert was once the proprietor at the Stony River Hotel, was also unhappy at the prospect.

It’s the social centre of the community,” he added. A local contractor, Jared said the pub was where you “caught up with people” and also got a lot of business.

Tony added, “I’ve learnt so much about farming from talking,” he said and from the exchange of ideas.

While there was some sympathy for the proprietors, who obviously can’t keep the bar open if it’s losing money, there was some criticism of how the pub had been run.

Frank Goodin, the third generation in his family to drink at the hotel, remarked

“The proprietors need to run it themselves.” He added that that applied to business generally. “You need to be hands on.”

There was more pressure in going farming and these days, “people don’t tend to go to the pub,” though conceded Tony.

But “It’s a brilliant place to come to and just relax and talk to mates,” he said about farming, politics, and what’s happening around the world. “It takes the pressure off.”

Another patron, Glen who was particularly outspoken described the pub as “The heart of the community.” A healthy community has a good pub, he added. He felt that the pub “Belongs to the community.” He also felt that the “big drinkers” had been put off.

Another concurred with this adding people had been kicked out for very small reasons. Like? Breaking a window, he replied. Or for being too loud, offered another.

Another regular however commented that you had to have rules and seemed to

have some sympathy with the proprietors who had to enforce them.

Another comment was the

proprietors should “cut their losses” and let someone else run it. The hotel has been on the market for some time.

Another said he was “not happy”. Though only having lived in Okato for the last ten years, he had been drinking since the age of 16 and prior to moving to Okato had lived over the other side of the mountain and had gone on

pub crawls round the mountain where the Stony River was always a favourite.

He said the pub had a lot of history.

A female patron and a regular drinker from Okato described the closure as “A shame” and said “If we put in” we might be able to collectively buy it.

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MONDAY MORNING SERVICE		
Opunake to New Plymouth & return	Depart	
Opunake (Opposite P/O)	6.30am	
Rahoitu (Opposite 4 Square)	6.40am	
Okato (Old Post Office)	6.50am	
Belair Ave, Blagdon	7.10am	
Francis Douglas Bus Stop	7.13am	
Taranaki Base Hospital	7.17am	
Powderham Street (round 1st set lights)	7.19am	
Witt (Bell Street) Campus	7.22am	
Cnr Cumberland St & Coronation Ave	7.25am	
GHS Hostel, Mangorei Road	7.27am	
Paynters Ave, Strandon Bus Stop	7.30am	
Fitzroy Village Bus Stop (by lights)	7.35am	
Centre City Gill/Ariki Street Bus Stop	7.30am	
<b>Depart above for Opunake via Hospital</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	
Morley Street	8.05am	
TBH, David Street via Lorna Street	8.08am	
Blagdon Shops	8.10am	
Okato Four Square	8.30am	
Rahoitu Four Square	8.40am	
Opunake Post Office	8.55am	

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE		
Opunake to New Plymouth & Return	Depart	
Opunake (Opposite P/O)	2.45pm	
Rahoitu (Opposite 4 Square)	2.55am	
Okato (Old Post Office)	3.05pm	
Belair Ave, Blagdon	3.25pm	
Francis Douglas Bus Stop	3.28pm	
Taranaki Base Hospital	3.32pm	
Powderham Street (round 1st set lights)	3.34pm	
Witt (Bell Street) Campus	3.37pm	
Cnr Cumberland St & Coronation Ave	3.40pm	
GHS Hostel, Mangorei Road	3.42pm	
Paynters Ave, Strandon Bus Stop	3.45pm	
Fitzroy Village Bus Stop (by lights)	3.50pm	
Centre City Gill/Ariki Street Bus Stop	3.55pm	
<b>Depart above for Opunake via Hospital</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	
Morley Street	4.05pm	
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# Welfare reforms announced



Hon Chester Borrows  
Taranaki King Country MP

end of an era for our family as my Mum had decided to move into a studio in the local rest home. It took her some time to come around to it, but after my father passed away 18 months ago, and with her failing eyesight, she lost confidence to carry on at home. I spent the weekend water blasting, gardening, painting and cleaning the house I grew up in, when the memories came flooding back.

On low incomes for all their working lives, my parents always kept a garden. It was huge when we were young; it fed us as well as others from time to time. The house was small but well maintained. Wages were spent frugally. Holidays were always close to home and saved for throughout the preceding year. A new TV, radio, fridge or vacuum cleaner was saved for in advance and when it arrived, the documentation was carefully filed away with warranty and instruction manual. All of this I found on Sunday morning, chronicling the family history of acquired appliances over the past 50

years. When I was a kid, mum worked at home as a dressmaker and Dad was a display artist in a store in town. He supplemented his income writing plays for radio, children's series, and in this way they paid the bills and gave us a few luxuries. Like most kids, we shared clothes amongst friends and relatives, but new clothes came along quite frequently with a mother who could sew. Most of the time there was a jersey or cardigan being knitted for one of the four of us. It was a normal Kiwi upbringing in the 1960's.

This week, the Government announced welfare reforms which will encourage people to get off benefits and into work by requiring people to be 'work ready'; if there is a suitable job available, they take that job. Young people on benefits will receive budget mentoring and will not be able to spend their benefit on alcohol or cigarettes. Rent and power will be paid automatically and there will only be a limited amount of

money that can be spent at their discretion. Sole parents will have to be work ready for part-time employment when their youngest child is 5 years old and available for full-time work when their youngest child is 14 years old. They will stay on a benefit only if there are no suitable jobs. Our opponents call this 'beneficiary bashing'.

Life was tough when we were kids. I don't believe it is any tougher today. And I do believe that success is not so much about what life deals to you, but how you respond to opportunities, threats and events that come along. New Zealanders have far more inclination to assist those who are doing the best with what they have. These new changes will be a mix of 'carrot and stick' to incentivise those in need of assistance to become independent, and gain the satisfaction of 'doing it for themselves' as our parents did in the past.

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# Search powers should protect citizen's freedom



Andrew Little, List MP

needs to be good order and some basic rules. Elected representatives need to always ensure the rules that are enacted don't do more than is necessary to enable citizens to enjoy their freedom.

Last week the Search and Surveillance Bill came back into Parliament. It was very controversial when it was first read a couple of years ago. The Bill tries to bring all the laws containing search and surveillance powers into one Act and then ensure all such powers have the same standards and controls apply to them.

What the Bill has done is reveal just how many powers there are for government agencies to enter property, stop people, search them and seize any claimed contraband. It's not just the police who have these powers. There is also Customs, Fisheries, Agriculture and Forestry, Corrections, public

health officials and many more.

It doesn't help that the Search and Surveillance Bill was introduced on the back of the 2007 Urewera police raids. Those raids have increasingly come to be seen as over the top, especially when virtually a whole town, kids included, was locked down in a very heavy-handed response.

Search powers must strike a careful balance between the freedom of citizens and their protection from the harmful conduct of others. Surveillance technology is now well-advanced. We can be watched and heard without our knowing. Everything we do in the digital world is recorded somewhere, but we generally pay no regard to who may have access to this information.

The Bill that has now come back to Parliament has undergone many changes as

a result of public input and is a lot better than the original. In fact, the changes were so extensive that the select committee considering the Bill called for a second round of feedback to make sure there was enough of a consensus.

Labour has one remaining concern which is to do with press freedom. I am personally of the view that press freedom, above all, must be preserved and protected. Much as we often love to criticise the media, they are vital to holding our public officials to account. If the ignominious 'teapot tapes' saga showed us anything, it was how vulnerable the media is to invasion by state agencies. This should not be tolerated in a free society.

Andrew Little MP  
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the East Cape and Dargaville. The small town of Te Karaka had to be evacuated. Peak rainfall of 916mm was recorded over 3 days.



# Absolute body and soul for Taranaki



Ceris Morgan Hart with her yellow Mobile Healing Centre in Opunake.

A new unique venture has recently started up in South Taranaki, called 'Absolute Body and Soul'. The principal is Welsh-born Ceris Morgan-Hart, who is based in Eltham. She has a "Mobile Healing Centre" and her distinctive 1950s yellow Trail-Lite caravan - beautifully restored by Ceris and friends - has been seen at various places. Recently, it has been positioned outside 6 Tasman Street, just as you reach Opunake from the south.

The Mobile Healing Centre is also available for sporting events - such as bicycle races - galas, workplace massages - you name it. "I'm open to ideas", says Ceris.

Ceris also sees clients at her Eltham studio - three days a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) - on an appoint-

ment basis. In Eltham, or elsewhere, a session lasts for about an hour and her rates are competitive.

Opunake residents can use the service on the first Thursday of each month, from 10am until 6pm ("flexible"). The caravan will always be in the same place, as Ceris uses the facilities in the pink, Spanish-style house at 6 Tasman Street.

On Tuesdays Ceris and the caravan head to New Plymouth.

Ceris is keen to locate other sites in the region to park her caravan on the second, third and fourth Thursdays of each month and mentioned Okato and Hawera as possibilities.

However, she would like access to a room to set up a massage bed, as the caravan has limited space.

She explains her main fo-

cus is South Taranaki. "I'll turn up anywhere if there are enough clients", she remarks.

Ceris is trained at the Naturopathy College of New Zealand, which is based in New Plymouth. She qualified with a National Diploma in Therapeutic Massage. She also has other relevant qualifications such as Certificates in skills as Relaxation and Indian Head Massage. Yet she is keen to learn more. "I haven't finished my training", she comments. "Bowen Therapy is my next plan of attack".

Just some of the skills she offers include therapeutic massage to help with mobility, sciatica, muscle cramps as well as pain relief. She can also help with sporting injuries.

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Ceris brings her warm, empathic personality to her venture, as well as her skills. "I'm a people person. I love it. I need that social involvement that's what makes me tick", she explains. She adds, "The fact that I help people in the process is a bonus".

Although Ceris undertook the renovation herself she pays tribute for all the help from friends. "I couldn't have done it without them", she says with a smile.

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Four days of all things American – especially vehicles. On February 23 at 11.15am the cavalcade of more than 650 cars and motorcycles zoomed into Opunake, in a cacophony of honking horns,

cheers and revs, with a good crowd to greet them – with many school children to the forefront. The drivers played up a treat to the crowd, waving the Stars and Stripes, and the occasional Confederate flag - representing the southern states. Fords and Chevrolets seemed to dominate and that was fine with Jayden of Opunake Primary School who commented about a snazzy passing Chevy, "It is a fascinating a cool car".

There was no doubt the students were enjoying the noisy and colourful spectacle. "I reckon it's exciting, enthused Isaac. Shavorne was taken with the colourful displays. "It's pretty cool – they're really colourful". She really liked the "yellow car with flames".

The cavalcade continued for some time – Mustang GTs, Buicks, Fairlane 500s, Bel Aires, Fleetside Dodges, Impalas – and

many more. One car even had bison horns attached at the front.

The cars ended up at Opunake Beach for a few hours, allowing sightseers to get a closer look at the shiny cars and Harley Davisons, as well as buy some items at the stalls and buy some genuine American food such as hot dogs.

Organiser John Rae and his team must be commended for another successful event.



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## Letters of Frank Sargeson

*'Letters of Frank Sargeson', selected and edited by Sarah Shieff, a Vintage Book, published by Random House, Auckland (2012). This book was bought at Benny's Books (\$50), New Plymouth and was also available at Whitcoulls, Centre City, New Plymouth.*

Every now and again one comes across a sheer gem of a book – this is one of those.

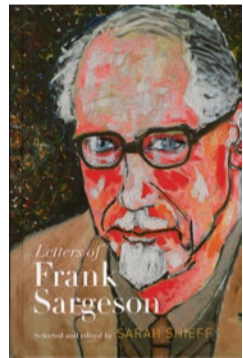
I've found this book fascinating and hard to put down. Frank Sargeson, often called 'The Father of NZ Literature' somehow found time to write hundreds of letters over a huge span of years, 1927 to 1981. Sarah Shieff, (Editor) calculated that he must have written about ten letters a day, seven days a week. She had sifted through some 6000 letters (to 450 people), located all over the place, but mostly in historical archives such as the Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, as well as overseas archives, and has presented the selection virtually verbatim. She finally selected almost 500 letters (to 107 people).

We know Sargeson was a great writer of novels and short stories, but the letters reveal his role as a playwright was very important to him. "I cling to the notion that I am onto something big in my new play" (p.229; Let-

ter to Charles Brasch, 13 June, 1956). Duly completed, 'A Time for Sewing' – about the missionary Kendall - was first performed in 1961 and 'The Cradle and the Egg' in 1962.

He had a wicked sense of humour as revealed in this extract in relation to his passion for gardening. "...the boy on the farm... always asks if I want cowshit or bullshit – and I

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# Letters of Frank Sargeson

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always say the former as I can produce any amount of the latter myself" (p189; Letter to EP Dawson, 18 January, 1955). He also had his battles and he certainly doesn't pull his punches when writing about people he had had differences with such as former editor of the Listener Monte Holcroft, whom he felt didn't pay him enough for his published contributions. Holcroft was also a published writer and Sargeson was scathing about his ability. "His mediocrity is appalling....I was irritated beyond words ...But anyhow there's nothing even faintly interesting that I can see about Holcroft's people" (p11; Letter to Denis Glover, 26 January, 1937). Others he crossed swords with included Rex Fairburn and Maurice Shadbolt. Sargeson lived most of his life at 14 Esmonde Crescent, Takapuna, Auckland. The second dwelling still stands and is a kind of museum in

memory of the writer. Here was the famous army hut (since demolished) where Janet Frame wrote her first novel, 'Owls Do Cry'. Outstanding short story writer Maurice Duggan was the first occupant. Both writers had troubled patches in their life and Sargeson strove hard to help, financially, as well as other ways, including encouragement and direction. Janet Frame's time in the army hut has been romanticised a bit in recent times, but in fact, the period was very trying for Sargeson, as she was troubled. She wanted to go overseas and Sargeson encouraged her to do so and even organised some money (Ibiza in the Balearic Islands, was where she spent time, as well as London). "There are times when one just can't listen any more - to fantastic misinterpretations, accounts of nightmares & unceasing talk of death" (p. 217; Letter to Charles Brasch, 24 February, 1956). He was fearful that she was

suicidal. "She has worn me down very severely" (p. 227; Letter to William Plomer, 5 June, 1956). Were there ulterior motives on Sargeson's part? "... places me under the suspicion of wanting to rid myself of a burden - and something in it too" (p.225. Letter to Charles Brasch, 31 March, 1956). However, Sargeson discerned something special about the emerging writer, who "... impressed me more than anyone I have ever met" (p.198; Letter to John Reece Cole, 1 April 1955). He spoke highly of her intelligence and writing ability. Sargeson knew and wrote to virtually all the notables in NZ literature, as well as in the other arts, such as Colin McCahon and Robin Morrison. Here is a brief selection of those he corresponded with; James K Baxter, RAK Mason, David Ballantyne, Denis McEldowney, EM Forster, Maurice Gee, Dan Davin, Michael King, Keith Sinclair,

Rex Fairburn, Denis Glover, Greville Texidor, Ronald Hugh Morrieson, Maurice Duggan, Charles Brasch, Christine Cole Catley and John Reece Cole to mention just a few. Sadly, these people have all passed away. Those who remain include Graeme Lay (Secretary of the Frank Sargeson Trust), Karl Stead, David Hill, Patrick Evans, Rhonnda Coleman and Felix Donnelly. If you are interested in NZ literature and Frank Sargeson in particular, buy this outstanding book. However, be warned, make sure you have plenty of time on hand when you pick it up, as its 630 odd pages are compelling - and almost impossible to put down!

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## Shopping by candle light



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The rescue of two men at Pihama's Puketapu Bay on the 22-23<sup>rd</sup> of February this year was well publicised. Thankfully a successful rescue was achieved. However, the valiant efforts of Cape Egmont Sea Rescue have not been shared through the media. Further, questions have been raised as to why the local team were called in so late. What follows here is the story of a crew member.

It was 9.50pm and I was just home from a social evening. An emergency text indicated a need for all

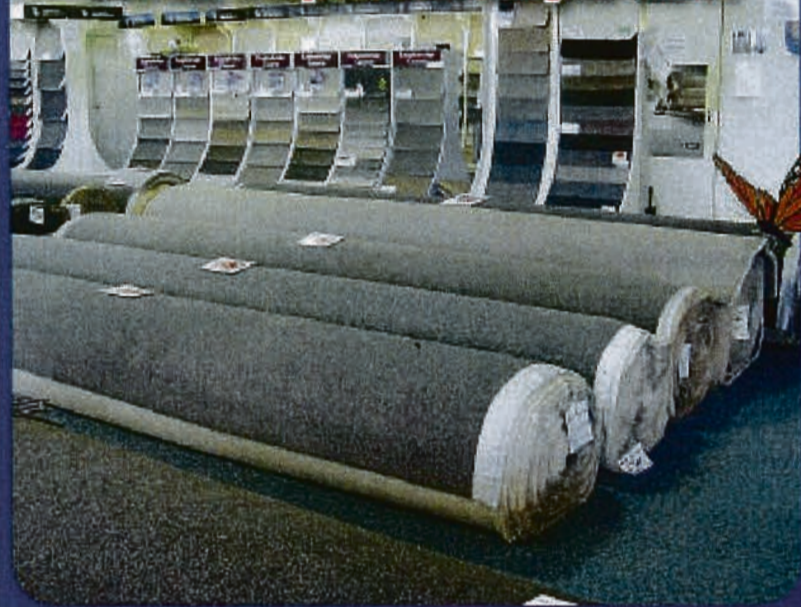
available crew to assemble. I phoned Kevin, another crew member who was at home asleep, grabbed my grab bag and sped the 24km to Cape Egmont Boat Club.

Already the boat was being prepared for launch. We were the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> crew to arrive, as a minimum of six crew members is required to attend a rescue. Our new ramp and lagoon was perfectly serene in the strong breeze. Our roles were designated as Frog 'Skipper', Snow 'Helmsman', Norm 'Radio Operator', and "50" 'Navigator' using



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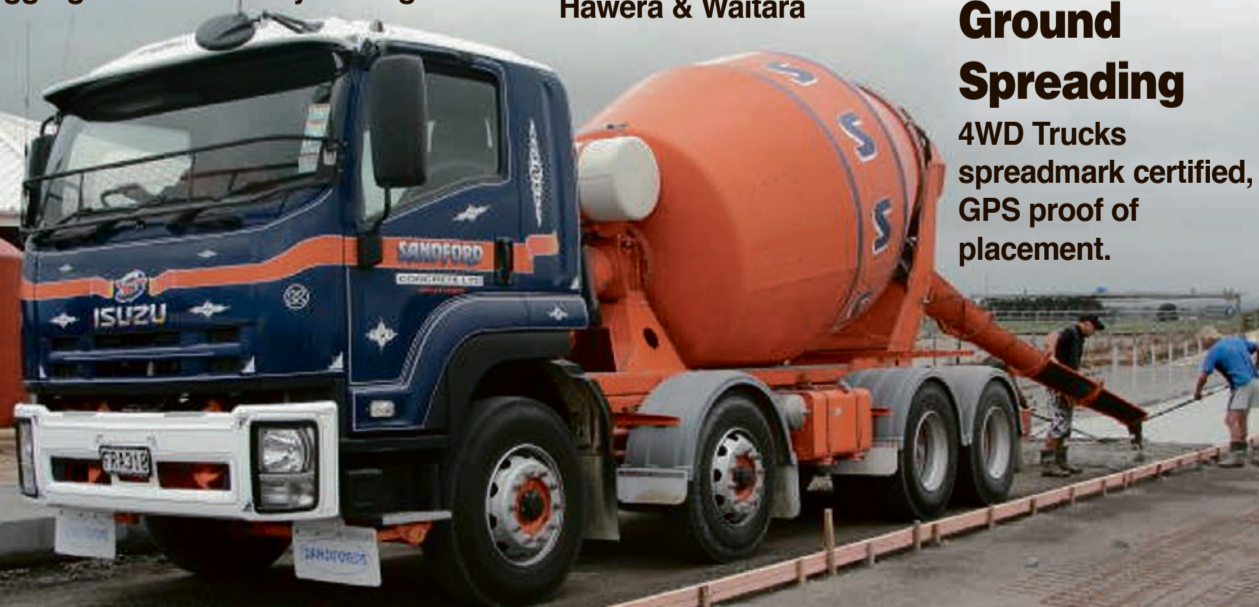
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the chart plotter and radar. We set out at this stage to look for a boat missing off Opunake.

Outside the Cape Bay the conditions of the sea were quite big with strong North-Nor-west winds of 35 knots. We were only able to safely travel at 16-18 knots, giving Cape Egmont a wide clearance, as roller waves were building up.

We had kitted ourselves in our survival suits with personal Epirbs, strobe lights and personal flotation devices (life jackets). Preparing for outside cabin searching, we were very hot in this gear and very thirsty, and as a result, drank plenty of water.

At 10.40pm, we received further instructions about the missing boat with two personnel on board, 7-800 metres outside Puketapu Bay, Pihama. GPS Co-ordinates were received and a course entered. Giving Opunake Main Reef a wide berth, we set off. By now there were big seas for 2km or so with wind direct on Nor-west and following seas.

By 11.40pm, approx west of Middleton's Bay, we received a call; the rescue by South Taranaki Coastguard was successful and we were to return to base at Cape Egmont Boat Club. Snow turned back into the sea to follow our course home. We realised how hard the wind was blowing and began the return trip travelling at only 7-9 knots. It was my first time in a storm of this strength with waves breaking over the bow. Water, like a pressure hose, played constantly on the window, and it was like being in a washing machine - uncomfortable. We lost our bamboo poles off the roof which were our depth guide for low tide launching.

Every 20 minutes we made contact with Gary our controller at base to report our return progress. The trip home was quite an experience, again following our course, and giving the Cape a wide berth in these big seas.

The trip south to 'off Opunake' took one hour but the return trip took nearly three hours. Visibility was nil. Using our electronic navigation chart plotter we arrived to a point outside our race. This was well done due to the efforts of "50" on starboard and Brian on port, up top outside with spot lights, and Peter and Kevin our back-ups. Watching the stern for rogue waves we motored across the face of three metre or so waves. Snow lifted the port motor, and reduced the roll and yaw. As we passed the lighthouse on our trip in, it disappeared behind the swell heights of the waves.

The markers on the outside poles were hard to see initially, but the chart plotter was accurate. Then as we got closer, the beacon lights at the Club guided us in. With spotlights either side we entered the sanctuary of the new boat race, where Gary had the trailer ready. We were also met by Danny and Ron, the principal organiser of our boat's existence, and also Kane and Daniel, who were fishing at Puketapu when the drama unfolded.

Five hours after the call out we were home safely, where Jan, bless her heart, had hot soup and food for us. We were all drenched by spray and rain. We put the boat away, with the clean-up to follow next day at lunch time.

We are very proud of our boat; it performed very well - baptism by a big storm. Our crew functioned commendably. Five hours in trying conditions in the middle of the night was well within the capabilities of the well trained, conscientious, dedicated crew, who assessed the conditions that night. A lot was learned by us all and improvements will be made.

Pihama was only another half hour away when the successful rescue was made. The Cape Egmont Sea Rescue service had made a tremendous effort to get there - but why was the notification so late?

Crew 'BG'

# Eco-n boosts Taranaki pasture growth says new study

The latest addition to research into the nitrification inhibitor, eco-n, has shown a "highly significant" response to grass growth in the Taranaki region.

In trials conducted in the North Island's dairying areas, eco-n treated paddocks showed an average of 14% more grass than the non-treated areas according to research being published in New Zealand Journal of Agricultural Research and presented at Massey's Fertiliser, Lime and Research Centre today.

This joins growing evidence demonstrating the impact eco-n has on curbing nitrous oxide emissions and reducing nitrate leaching.

Peter Carey and Shuang

Jiang, scientists from Land Research Services plus Ants Roberts, Chief Scientific Officer at Ravensdown, collated pasture response data across six years conducted in 132 paddocks in 37 different farms across the country including those at Stratford and Hawera. Paddocks were randomly split with only one half being treated with eco-n.

Mike Davey, Sales Manager for Ravensdown said, "At Stratford and Hawera, the results showed in excess of 20% dry matter response for the season. This range of values shows the huge potential for eco-n to farmers to improve their environmental footprint and their production capability."

Peter Carey added, "We did some modelling and, being cautious, if eco-n increases DM production by just 10%, this still leads to a net profit of \$318 per hectare after taking away the cost of applying that product. This is in addition to the well-documented reduction in nitrous oxide emissions and nitrate leaching. These products offer an opportunity for farmers to do even more to boost their bottom line and farm sustainably."

Ants Roberts of Ravensdown commented, "Ravensdown invests in robust science for farmers, so they can make an informed choice. In science, any one set of data is not as important as the body of knowledge of which



Mike Davey, Ravensdown Manager

it becomes part. The goal is to get as many comparable data sets, so we can get even more certainty around the interaction of all variables."

## Stratford - Taranaki

### Stratford - eco-n pasture trial 2010-11

#### Farm details

- soil type: Volcanic - Allophanic Loam
- rainfall: 2500mm
- stocking rate: 3.3 cows/ha
- annual N usage: 150kgN/ha

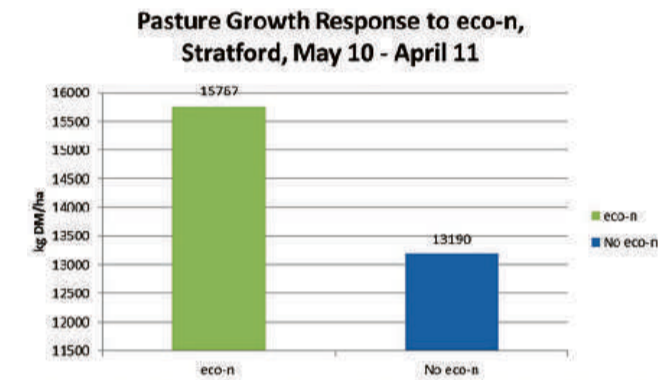
- pasture measurements taken with rising plate meter pre and post grazing; 45-50 data points per measurement.
- the trial results have not been statistically analysed

#### Trial details

- length of measurements: May 10 - April 11
- eco-n applied mid-April and late July 2010
- seven paddocks split in half, each with one side treated with eco-n and one left as control (no eco-n); non replicated

#### Pasture Yield - Size of Response

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Don't forget that is also Election of Officers; if you feel that you can help your fellow members, now is the time to be nominated. But don't let this put you off attending.

AGM - 16<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 1300 at the Opunake Fire Station.

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# Cows can cope despite missed milking

Taranaki dairy farmers dealing with the effects of last weekend's storm are advised to remember that cows are resilient and careful management will get them through any missed milkings.

DairyNZ regional leader Jo Bishell says DairyNZ research has shown that delays of up to a week can be tolerated by mid-lactation

herds, and with careful handling, they can return to full or near-full milk production. "Managing potential spikes in somatic cell counts (SCC) is the priority for farmers who have missed milkings. Farmers should try to milk their cows at least once-a-day, however if missed milkings have occurred, expect fluctuations in SCC and the likelihood of increased

numbers of cows with clinical mastitis," says Jo.

"Attention to hygiene is very important, apply cups to clean, dry teats and wear gloves or keep hands clean. Teats should be sprayed manually after each milking.

"Look for signs of soreness and 'off-colour' cows, along with clots in foremilk and milk that is an unusual colour or consistency."

Farmers should make sure the cows are milked out fully and any showing clinical signs of mastitis are stripped out by hand. Typically, bulk milk SCCs take two to five days to recover from a spike, depending on the period without milking.

If farmers are milking multiple herds through one dairy shed, they must keep penicillin cows and their milk separate and ensure that the milking machine is washed in between different farm herds.

DairyNZ is available to farmers by email and text. Information sheets will also be delivered direct to farmers through their tanker pick-up. Information can also be found at [www.dairynz.co.nz/taranakistormrecovery](http://www.dairynz.co.nz/taranakistormrecovery).

Farmers can also contact their local DairyNZ consulting officer (Jo Bishell 021 276 2395, Tessa Tate 021 246 5663, Alicia Newport 021 276 5832, Katrina Knowles 021 831 944) or the DairyNZ Farmer Information Service on 0800 4 DAIRYNZ (0800 4 324 7969).

## New additions at Stoney Oaks



Meet Harry and Haven the hares. Hand-reared by a woman on goats milk, then given to Stoney Oaks Wildlife Park. They could be weaned, but its good fun bottle feeding them. We plan on building them a special enclosure sometime in the near future. When I asked my husband for name ideas for two hares, his reply was how about 'Pubic' and 'Nasal'. Think I will stick to my own names from now on.

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# New face on Coast



Stacey Managh New Zealand Farmers Livestock representative valuing

Growing up on a sheep and beef farm at Urenui

and five years' experience as a Rural Bank Manager in Taranaki has been the ideal background for New Zealand Farmers Livestock rep Stacey Managh.

Stacey, who covers the Coastal and Central Taranaki region for the newly structured Livestock Company, says while the new role has been a steep learning curve, her past experience has allowed her to adapt to the challenging role.

"While it is a big change from what I have done previously, the reality is that the same skills apply. What clients want is good local service and for you to be able to be responsive and communicate well," she said.

"The new company has a lot of experience and expertise and we have been extremely lucky with the loyalty from our Taranaki Farmers clients, who have supported us through quite a difficult period.

"We've completely re-focused and, with a stronger banking relationship with the National Bank, as well being a key part of a growing New Zealand wide livestock network, things

are definitely picking up. "Farmers like the fact that we are competitive and have a local presence as well as the fact that we are not foreign owned unlike some of the other livestock companies," she said.

After going to Massey University and completing a Bachelor of Applied Science, majoring in Agriculture and Rural Valuation, Stacey worked as a rural bank manager, firstly in Morrinsville to learn the ropes, and then in Coastal Taranaki for over five years.

And she is really enjoying her local patch.

"Working on the Coast is great and my fiancée and I now lease a sheep, beef and grazing property where we also rear 200-300 calves each year. I have been working for New Zealand Farmers Livestock for nearly 6 months and also taken on the position of Dairy Co-ordinator for the Taranaki Region so it has been really busy.

"I have learnt a huge amount about how the industry works and I really enjoy getting out and about and looking at stock on the

farm and getting a good result for my clients.

"My main goal for the future is to build up a strong client base, through good service" she added.

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New Zealand Farmers Livestock rep Stacey Managh has been appointed company Dairy Livestock Co-ordinator for Taranaki.

Stacey, who came to the company from a banking background, said the loyalty from local farmers toward the new livestock entity was appreciated.

"We have a lot of experience and the company is completely re-focused and is a key part of our growing NZ wide livestock network.

"Working on the Coast is great and my main goal is to make sure that we provide an excellent service to back up our strength in dairy livestock sales."

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Above Awhina senior relay members Cale Karunga, Jahrim Mataira and Carmen Rutland, pull Sinead (Nanny) Horo clear.

Right Dekodda Tippett gets carried away by her Karo teammates in the human trafficking relay.



Below Joellen Hughson How competing in the Junior Girls Backstroke at the Opunake High School Swimming Sports held last week.



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# One better?



Some of the Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club team poised to do well in the NZ IRB Championships in late March. The event is being held at Warrington Beach, just north of Dunedin.

In late March, Opunake Surf Lifesaving Club President Kim Danz and his team head to Warrington Beach – just north of Dunedin - to compete in the NZ IRB championships for the three day event, which starts on March 29. Last year the Club sent just one team – consisting of Kim Danz and Nathan Joyce in the Senior A Single Rescue event and they came second (silver medal) out of 38 teams. This year, they hope to go one better and return to Opunake with the title. Their chances?

21s and the Women's crew. How will they go? Kim is hopeful all teams will do well, but singles out the Senior Bs as a crew to watch. "They should be well up there", he comments.

The team is training hard to ensure success. "It's going well", says Kim. He explains the team trains as a whole on Friday nights, but each crew trains independently, almost daily, on other days.

However, there is one area where the team needs help – finance. The trip is expected to cost about \$7,000. So far fundraising ventures such as a firewood raffle (Pastimes) and a hangi have helped, but there is a long way to go. "Kim says that the team would be grateful for any offers of help, such as transport, accommodation, volunteer's time, in addition to money. Anyway, if you can help please contact Kim - phone 027 2588 324. Donations can be sent to PO Box 46, Opunake.

"Hopefully reasonably good. We can't be too confident. It all depends on the day". He added that "big surf" would enhance their chances of winning the gold medal.

This year the Club has entered five crews (18 competitors). Apart from the Senior As with Kim and Nathan, the others are the Senior Bs, Premiers, Under

## Mountain Airs Coaching clinic



Left Jack Leasure high fives Kaden Adamson at Opunake during a skills day run by the Taranaki Mountain Airs.

Below Taranaki Mountain Airs player Aaron Bailey Nowell instructs an under 8 group at a skills day held at Opunake recently.

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Mondays at Pastimes, Tasman Street, Opunake from 7-9pm. Beginners and new people welcome.

**OPUNAKE HIGH SCHOOL GALA**  
March 8 at the Opunake High School. Food and fun activities from 5.30pm, hangi at 6.30pm.

**OPUNAKE JUNIOR RUGBY – REGISTRATION NIGHT**  
Friday, March 9 at the Sandfords Event Centre, Opunake from 6-8pm. Ranfurly Shield on display.

**COASTAL HOT ROD WEEKEND – SHOW & SHINE**  
Sunday March 11 at Opunake Beach from 10am-12noon. Refer public notice.

**COASTAL HOT ROD WEEKEND – GRASSKARNA**  
Monday March 12 at Kevin & Snapper Young's, Lower Kina Road, Opunake. Refer public notice.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**  
Monday, March 12 (Taranaki Anniversary Weekend) at Hollard Gardens, 1686 Upper Manaia Road, Kaponga from 11am-3pm. Refer advert.

**NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL'S 'ORIENTATION DAY'**  
Tuesday, March 13 at NPBHS' Ryder Hall at 12noon. Refer public notice.

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**ST MARY'S DIOCESAN SCHOOL'S OPEN DAY**  
Wednesday, March 14 from 11am-2.30pm. Refer public notice.

**ROMAN RUDNYTSKY – PIANIST**  
Performing at the Percy Thomson Gallery, March 16. Refer article.

**OPUNAKE DISTRICT RSA AGM**  
March 16 at the Opunake Volunteer Fire Brigade at 1300. Refer public notice.

**OPERATUNITY - MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT**  
March 17, 10am at Opunake Town Hall. Tickets available at Print Shoppe and Opunake and Manaia Library Plus. Tickets \$20 includes light lunch.

**"THE GREAT GATSBY"**  
From March 20-31<sup>st</sup> March at the TET Cue Theatre, Matai St, Inglewood at 7.30pm.

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Wednesday, March 21 at the Sandfords Event Centre, Opunake at 7.30pm. Refer advert.

**SOUTH TARANAKI SPCA AGM**  
Wednesday, 21 March at the TSB Hub, 7.30pm. Refer public notice.

**OPUNAKE SPORTING SHOOTERS (Incorporated) AGM**  
Thursday, March 22 at the Opunake Surf Inn, Maui Bar at 7pm. Refer public notice.

**ROSE OF TRALEE ENTRANTS REQUIRED**  
Entrants Required for 2012 Rose of Tralee contest - entries close March 23. Refer public notice.

**'HIGHWAY 45'**  
March 24 at the Opunake Surf Inn.

**'PAUL SYMONS' AND HIS "SHOOTING STARS BAND"**  
Sunday, March 25 at the Rahotu Tavern, 7.30pm. Refer advert and article.

**OPUNAKE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION'S AGM**  
Monday, March 26 at the Opunake Surf Inn. Social at 6pm, meal at 6.30pm and meeting to follow with guest speaker, Chester Borrowes. Refer public notice.

**RAHOTU HOME & SCHOOL AGM**  
Monday, March 26 at the Rahotu School Staffroom at 7pm.

**CLOSING DATE FOR TANGATA WHENUA LIAISON FUND APPLICATIONS**  
Wednesday, March 28 at 4.30pm.

**"2-A-TARA" & LAST HANDLE CLUB NIGHT**  
Wednesday, March 28 from 5.30pm onwards at the Stony River Hotel. Refer advert.

**"BRUTAL UPLOAD"**  
Friday, March 30 from 8pm onwards at the Stony River Hotel. Refer advert.

**PERFORMING ARTS GRANTS – DAME MALVINA MAJOR FOUNDATION**  
First annual funding round – applications close Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2012. Refer public notice.

**"HATCHERS"**  
Saturday, March 31 from 8pm onwards at the Stony River Hotel. Refer advert.

**MEET THE ROSE OF TRALEE ENTRANTS**  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2012, Headlands, Opunake 11-3pm. Refer public notice.

**LAST DAY TRADING AT THE STONY RIVER HOTEL "RICK COPLESTONE"**  
Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> April from 12noon onwards at the Stony River Hotel. Refer advert.

**2012 TARANAKI ROSE FINAL**  
Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2012, Plymouth Hotel, NP 6.30pm dinner and entertainment. Entry forms, bookings, tickets available form Louise 06 274 8494 p.lm.buhler@xtra.co.nz Refer public notice.

**MAJOR PROJECTS FUNDING – GRANTS OVER \$50,000**  
Expressions of interest form must be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> April. Refer public notice.

## Opunake Friendship Club

It is hard to believe that January and February have gone with our first afternoon for the year taking place on the 27<sup>th</sup>. It was not a large crowd, but a very lively one, who thoroughly enjoyed an afternoon of Housie, jokes and a 20 questions quiz about Opunake (That had us working our brains cells). There is nothing as good as a quiz to

keep you on your toes and your brain ticking over.

The Committee were the hosts (don't put a g in front of hosts will you). Afternoon tea was a get together time. Our next afternoon will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March in our Town Hall.

Please keep this date in mind, Saturday, March 17 10am. The Friendship Club

is bringing 'Operatunity' to our Town Hall. This will be wonderful musical entertainment. Tickets are available at 'Opunake Print Shoppe and Opunake and Manaia LibraryPlus. Tickets are \$20 and include a light lunch. Tickets are selling steadily; there will be a few door sales. However the number of tickets is limited. See you there

## Taranaki writers invited to enter mind, body, spirit awards

Taranaki writers who have explored themes within the mind, body, spirit genre are encouraged to enter their work in the 2012 Ashton Wylie Charitable Trust Literature Awards.

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Unpublished manuscripts must be submitted by 31 March 2012, and be between 20,000 and 100,000 words in length.

The Awards will be pre-

sented in a ceremony at the Ashton Wylie Charitable Trust's own venue, the Hope-toun Alpha in Auckland on Friday 24 August 2012.

Submission forms and entry details are available from The New Zealand Society of Authors national office, phone: 09 379 4801, e-mail: [office@nzauthors.org.nz](mailto:office@nzauthors.org.nz) or post: PO Box 7701, Wellesley Street, Auckland 1141.

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# “The Great Gatsby” – the cast and their comments

The cast of “The Great Gatsby”, the next Cue Theatre production, includes players with the full range of stage experience.

Michelle Rawlinson playing Daisy Buchanan, is the youngest. She is enjoying the challenge of interpreting the role without over or under complicating the part. Michelle remembers playing Ruby in a Repertory production of ‘Dick Whittington’ and dreams of attending the Royal Academy of Art in England.

Erik Keen has had experience of musical theatre as well straight drama appearing in ‘Miss Saigon’ and ‘42nd Street’. He says that as Older Nick, the narrator, he has a special relationship with the audience. His commentary gives the audience a very raw and real look into who the Younger Nick really is. He says he has an

ambition to work in great productions and that he was motivated to audition by the script and the chance to work with Margi Arthur at Cue

Katherine Whaley was last seen at Cue in ‘The Ghost Train’ in 2011. In this production she plays Jordan Baker, close friend of Daisy. She is enjoying the challenge of creating the character and working with cast as part of a team. She loved the book, finding the characters interesting and complex

Hendrikus De Vaan has a personal connection with the play in as much as Ken Duncum, the playwright, was one of his lecturers at Film School. Film is Hendrikus’s first love, but feels that acting will allow him to grow as a film director. In this play, his first, he plays Nick Carraway, an outsider, who both engages in and stands apart from the action

Trudie Ashford is one of the most experienced actors in the cast. She has been in numerous musicals (including ‘Chess’ and ‘Chicago’) in Wellington and has had leading roles in Stratford and Inglewood productions. She is enjoying playing Myrtle Wilson whom she describes as a bit of a b...! She loves the script and the era, the 1920’s, in which it is set.

One of the busiest members of the cast would have to be Travis Graham who has four roles. His main part is as Tom Buchanan. Above everything else, Tom is selfish – he cares little for how his actions impact on others. Travis says that when playing a villain in a play, you embrace the character because it is so far removed from who you are as a person in real life. Before this, Travis acted in Wellington while at university and prior to that

he was at Little Theatre. He enjoys theatre because it affords the opportunity to make magic through story-telling.

John Bellomo is well-known to Stratford and Inglewood audiences. He plays George Wilson, an underdog who is both “fun and a challenge to bring to life”. John enjoys theatre because he gets to create a work of art with other people. ‘The Great Gatsby’ meets that criterion.

The title role of Jay Gatsby is played by Cameron Curd, another actor who has a musical theatre background having been in New Plymouth Operatic’s productions of ‘Godspell’ and ‘Miss Saigon’. Cameron enjoys the intimacy of live theatre with the audience right there in front of you

Those playing multiple roles (11 male, 9 female)

include Katherine Wolfe, who was attracted to the play for the insight it provides into the lives of the wealthy in the 1920’s; Tanaka Utete, who has a passion for being on stage and being able to

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## South Taranaki reflected in photographic exhibition

An Opunake hair salon and the Auroa War Memorial feature in a contemporary art exhibition that just opened at the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery and will tour the region.

Recent Taranaki Photographs by Laurence Aberhart, one of New Zealand’s highly regarded artists, is a series of black and white photographs taken from viewpoints all around the mountain.

The exhibition will show at the Govett-Brewster until 17 June before touring to Hawera’s Lysaght Watt Gallery, Aotea Utanganui – Museum of South Taranaki

in Patea, Stratford’s Percy Thomson Gallery and Fritz Reuter Gallery in Inglewood.

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Interior, hair salon, Opunake, Taranaki, 1 June 2010.

quietly humorous.

Some of the works are views from Rahotu, Okaiawa, Awatuna and Auroa and include war memorials, halls and cemeteries.

Curated by Govett-Brewster director Rhana Devenport, the exhibition is a 2009-2011

commission from the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, with support from the Lysaght-Watt Trust and the Govett-Brewster Foundation.

See [www.govettbrewster.com](http://www.govettbrewster.com) for more details and touring dates when confirmed.

## Singer song writer performing at Rahotu

‘Paul Symons formerly from Rahotu and his Shooting Stars Band will be playing at the Rahotu Tavern.


His recent ‘Shooting Stars’ album released in Oct 2011, featured all original music, and included musicians: Lott on double bass and vocals, Des Mallon on drums and Buck Croydon on pedal steel guitar, with Paul on guitar and vocals. “We have been doing gigs around the Auckland and Waikato areas to support the new album and are playing music festivals and music clubs over the summer to get our name known,” says Paul who attended Opunake High School.

The music is a mix of Blues and roots, folk and country, blended into New Zealand words and meanings. They have also been getting a bit of radio airplay up north and have played ‘live to air’ on Auckland’s BFM.

For more info check out their website: [www.spaceman.net.nz](http://www.spaceman.net.nz).

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Image: Laurence Aberhart Taranaki from Rahotu, Taranaki, 1 July 2010. Courtesy the artist

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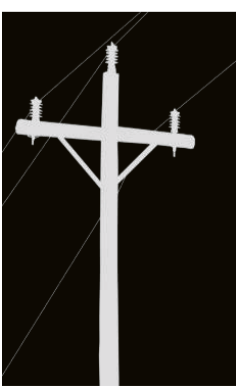
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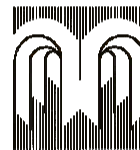
Grants are available in three categories to support the cost of education, training and development in the performing arts in New Zealand or overseas:

**Secondary:** For Taranaki secondary school students aged 12-18 years.

**Elite/Tertiary:** For performers from Taranaki pursuing a career in the performing arts through tertiary qualifications.

**Group:** For groups whose members are based in Taranaki to fund group training or development or events that provide performance opportunities for youth.

For an application pack and further information please contact Heather Cooper 06 7573155 or [dmmf@staplestaranaki.co.nz](mailto:dmmf@staplestaranaki.co.nz)  
[www.damemalvinamajorfoundation.org](http://www.damemalvinamajorfoundation.org)



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**SPORT NEW ZEALAND RURAL TRAVEL FUND**

Applications for financial assistance under the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund (previously the SPARC Rural Travel Fund) is now open.

The fund is open to sports clubs and school teams with young people aged between 5-19 years who require assistance with transport expenses to regular, local sporting competitions.

Application forms are available from all LibraryPlus centres, the Council Contact Centre in Albion Street, Hawera, or the Council website [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com).

For further information please contact:

Community Funding Advisor

Phone: 0800 111 323 or 2780555

Email: [maryse.ropiha@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:maryse.ropiha@stdc.govt.nz)

Applications close **Friday 13 April 2012** at 4.30pm.

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# Opunake Hot Rod Weekend

Scenic City Rod and Custom Club is holding their seventh annual rod run on Taranaki Anniversary Weekend (10,11 and 12th March). This weekend is getting bigger and bigger each year and all the visitors really enjoy the friendly welcome they receive.

Cars will be cruising into Opunake from Friday night onwards and will be based at Opunake Beach. These cars are coming from Rotorua, Wellington, Palmerston North, Wanganui, as well as all round Taranaki.

On Saturday March 10 the cars will be out driving in the area so keep an eye out for them. On Sunday March 11 there will be a 'show and shine' at Opunake Beach. This will be open to the public, so you will have a chance to have an up close look at these beautiful cars. They will be on display from 10:00 until 12:00 and you can vote for which car you like the



Last year's Hot Rod Weekend was very popular.

best for the People's Choice Award. Entry is a gold coin donation.

On Monday March 12 the cars will going to Kevin and Snapper Young's place on Lower Kina Road Oaonui for a Grasskarna. This is a

skills competition for car and driver. It will be held from 10:00 till 12:00. Admission is gold coin donation.

If you see these cars cruising over the weekend give them a wave and say hello.

# Roman Rudnytsky to perform

Roman Rudnytsky, an internationally active concert pianist, will perform at Stratford's Percy Thomson Gallery on Friday 16 March at 7.30pm. Tickets are \$15 each.

In addition to performances in capital cities and important musical centres, he often plays in places away from the musical mainstream such as Stratford, bringing the world and pleasure of classical music to audiences, which seldom experience this type of music in live performance.

Born in New York into a prominent Ukrainian musical family, he began the study of piano at age 4 and gave his first recital at seven. He is a graduate of the famous Juilliard School in New York and also did additional studies at the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, Maryland and at master classes in Austria (the 'Mozarteum') and Italy.



Roman Rudnytsky, last November on the Greek island of Rhodes at the time he was playing recitals on one of my P&O cruises. The ship, (Oriana) clearly seen.

Roman Rudnytsky is a prizewinner in 10 piano competitions, including such prestigious ones as the Interna-

tional Leventritt Competition (New York) and International J.S. Bach Competition (Washington) and, in Italy, the 'F. Busoni' and 'A. Casagrande' International Piano Competitions.

He has made numerous recordings in Poland, Australia and the United States.

Mr Rudnytsky has also appeared as a soloist with many orchestras.

He gave the British, Latin American and Australian premiere performances of the recently-discovered Liszt 'Concerto No. 3 in E Flat' A between 1990 and 1993.

He also conducts master classes and workshops for local piano students and teachers during the course of his travels. The settings for these range from universities to small, rural towns and villages.

Since 1972, Mr. Rudnytsky has been a member of the piano faculty of the Dana School of Music at Youngstown State University in Youngstown, Ohio (U.S.A.). He is a recipient of that institution's 'Distinguished Professor Award' in recognition of his concert activities.

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# Anniversary day action at Hollard Gardens

An age-old festival with a fairytale twist will give home gardeners an opportunity to strut their stuff on Taranaki Anniversary Day (Monday 12 March).

There'll be great prizes for keen veggie growers at the free Harvest Festival at Hollard Gardens, Kaponga – and much more, including live music, Market Day stalls and entertainment for kids courtesy of the Magical Flower Fairies.

“We've put together a huge range of entertainment and activity, and there's something for all the family,” says the Taranaki Regional

Council's Regional Gardens Manager, Greg Rine. “It will go ahead whatever the weather, as we'll have a marquee to keep any rain at bay.”

For home gardeners, there'll be prizes for the biggest, cutest, most unusual and most perfect vegetables, and for the best vegetable creation. “The more the merrier, so bring along any of your garden produce that's tickled your fancy,” says Mr Rine. “The contests are open to anyone, including those who got free Egmont Seeds packets at Regional Gardens workshops and events in spring and early

summer.”

Entries will be accepted between 11am and 12.30pm, with judging at 12.45pm. Prizes include a 'chook tractor' (mobile chook run), gardening books and herbs.

The day's activities begin at 10am when gardener Annetta Scott will lead guided walk through the 4.5ha gardens and their world-renowned collection of plants.

The Festival proper will begin at 11am with a performance of Morris dancing, and run until 3pm. Besides the veggie contests, highlights will include:

- Art and craft from Taranaki craftspeople
- Fresh seasonal produce from Farmers Market Taranaki.
- Coffee and French baking from Petit Paris.
- Devon Sweets, with handmade confectionary from yesteryear and premium ice creams.
- Demonstrations on seed-saving and edible ornamental plants.
- American roots music (country and bluegrass) from Taranaki trio The FEDZ – Frank John, Erin Manu and Dusty Burnell.
- Face-painting, stories and games with the Magical Flower Fairies – kids in dress-ups welcome!

Mr Rine says the Hollards team is excited about the festival. “It's going to be one of the biggest days ever at Hollard Gardens.”

For more information, go to [www.hollardgardens.info](http://www.hollardgardens.info).



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The play's concept calls for the entirety of the 1935 adventure film 'The 39 Steps' to be performed with a cast of only four. One actor plays the hero, Richard Hannay. The three women with whom he has romantic entanglements are played by a second actor, and two other actors play every other character in the show which includes an array of heroes, villains, men, women, children and even the occasional inanimate object. This often requires lighting fast quick-changes and occasionally for them to play multiple characters at once.

The film's serious spy story is played mainly for laughs, and the script is full of allusions to (and puns on the titles of) other Alfred Hitchcock films, including 'Rear Window', 'Psycho', 'Vertigo' and 'North by Northwest'.

The play will run from March 21-31.



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- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March - No Performance
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